

Minutes  
WOODSTOCK AGRICULTURE COMMISSION  
Monday, September 19, 2016 1:00PM  
Woodstock Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, S. Morse, L Weaver, J. Hermonot.  
Alternates: P. Miller, L. Auger.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by R. Seybolt at 1:05 PM
2. **Review of July minutes:** S. Morse moved to accept the minutes as presented; R. Seybolt seconded and all approved unanimously.
3. **Public Participation:** None
4. **Old Business:**
  - a. Celebrating Agriculture – R. Seybolt will man the table.
  - b. P&Z Equestrian Academy - L. Weaver and R. Seybolt attended the meeting. Other people with horses also attended. The request to have the Equestrian Academy section deleted was granted and horses will now be treated as agriculture. L. Weaver and Rick Hermonot will attend Thursday night's P&Z meeting and speak on the subject of the 50% set aside as it pertains to the reduction of land value for farmers (in the capacity of licensed appraiser).
  - c. Accessory Apartments – There has been some confusion between R. Seybolt's presentation at a previous meeting between accessory housing and Ag labor housing. It was decided to drop the subject at the moment. **Action:** R. Seybolt will send email to J. Gordon that the WAGC would like to be part of the process of discussing affordable housing when they tackle that subject.
5. **New Business**
  - a. R. Norman reported on the Vo-Ag committee. He stated that Woodstock Middle School has not visited yet. He also said he would be judging gain at the Big E.
  - b. S. Morse reported on the Woodstock land acquisitions; there are a couple of projects in the works. He also stated that Agriculture is not represented on the site-council (solar panels). He suggested that the WAGC have a discussion about this in the future. He also said that the CT Farm Bureau is working on a resolution regarding the protection of prime ag soils as it pertains to solar panels. **Action:** R. Seybolt will call Ag Commissioner and invite him to a meeting for his input.
7. **Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 1:48P.M.; seconded by R. Norman. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.